

## **IC 36-8-10.5**

### **Chapter 10.5. Minimum Training Requirements for Firefighters**

## **IC 36-8-10.5-1**

### **Application of chapter**

Sec. 1. This chapter applies to:

- (1) all full-time firefighters hired or rehired after January 1, 1988; and
- (2) all volunteer firefighters elected or appointed to membership in a volunteer fire department after January 1, 1988.

*As added by P.L.49-1987, SEC.2. Amended by P.L.1-1999, SEC.84.*

## **IC 36-8-10.5-2**

### **"Education board" defined**

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "education board" refers to the board of firefighting personnel standards and education.

*As added by P.L.49-1987, SEC.2.*

## **IC 36-8-10.5-3**

### **"Full-time firefighter" defined**

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "full-time firefighter" means a full-time, fully paid firefighter employed by a political subdivision.

*As added by P.L.49-1987, SEC.2.*

## **IC 36-8-10.5-4**

### **"Volunteer fire department" defined**

Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "volunteer fire department" has the meaning set forth in IC 36-8-12-2.

*As added by P.L.49-1987, SEC.2. Amended by P.L.1-1999, SEC.85.*

## **IC 36-8-10.5-5**

### **"Volunteer firefighter" defined**

Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "volunteer firefighter" has the meaning set forth in IC 36-8-12-2.

*As added by P.L.49-1987, SEC.2.*

## **IC 36-8-10.5-6**

### **Minimum training requirements**

Sec. 6. (a) A full-time firefighter must successfully complete the minimum basic training requirements established by this chapter before the firefighter may perform the duties of a full-time firefighter for the political subdivision.

(b) A volunteer firefighter who has successfully completed the minimum basic training requirements established by this chapter may be elected or appointed to membership in more than one (1) volunteer fire department.

*As added by P.L.49-1987, SEC.2. Amended by P.L.50-1998, SEC.2; P.L.1-1999, SEC.86.*

## **IC 36-8-10.5-7**

**Training subject matter**

Sec. 7. (a) The education board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 establishing minimum basic training requirements for full-time firefighters and volunteer firefighters that must include training in the following areas:

- (1) Orientation.
- (2) Personal safety.
- (3) Forcible entry.
- (4) Ventilation.
- (5) Apparatus.
- (6) Ladders.
- (7) Self-contained breathing apparatus.
- (8) Hose loads.
- (9) Streams.
- (10) Basic recognition of special hazards.

(b) In addition to the requirements of subsections (a) and (c), the minimum basic training requirements for full-time firefighters and volunteer firefighters must include successful completion of a basic or inservice course of education and training on sudden infant death syndrome that is certified by the emergency medical services commission (created under IC 16-31-2-1) in conjunction with the state health commissioner.

(c) In addition to the requirements of subsections (a) and (b), the minimum basic training requirements for full-time and volunteer firefighters must include successful completion of an instruction course on vehicle emergency response driving safety. The education board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to operate this course.

*As added by P.L.49-1987, SEC.2. Amended by P.L.22-1994, SEC.5; P.L.62-2003, SEC.1.*

**IC 36-8-10.5-8****Training location and personnel**

Sec. 8. (a) The training may be conducted at:

- (1) a location within the political subdivision employing a full-time firefighter;
- (2) the headquarters of the volunteer fire department where a volunteer firefighter is seeking membership; or
- (3) any other facility where the training is offered.

(b) The training must be conducted by personnel certified as instructors by the education board.

*As added by P.L.49-1987, SEC.2. Amended by P.L.1-1999, SEC.87.*

**IC 36-8-10.5-9****Certification**

Sec. 9. The education board shall certify fire personnel who successfully complete the minimum basic training requirements.

*As added by P.L.49-1987, SEC.2.*